

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION: *To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

JUNE/JULY 2019

Hello Members,

The month of May has come and gone as did the tornadoes in our area. I hope everyone is safe and no houses or cars were destroyed by falling trees and high winds. When I returned from a trip, debris was strewn everywhere in our yard, but thankfully we had no damage even though the neighbor's large oak tree behind us came crashing down at the back of our property. Let's hope we've seen the last of those ugly twisters!

The month of May provided a time for everyone to recharge their batteries and get ready to have some fun at the Salad Supper/Branch Meeting on June 11. We will get the opportunity to meet and talk with some of our scholarship winners, enjoy some salads and desserts, hear about upcoming branch activities from our committee chairs, and install new officers for next year. Contact Debbie Munley (debbiemunley@verizon) to let her know what food you plan to bring.

Our next fundraiser will be the June 23 Pinot's Palette event, Paint It Forward, to be held at Turf Valley Towne Square in Ellicott City. Our portion of the proceeds will be used for our scholarship fund that has helped many women over the years to continue their college education. You may bring in food and drinks may be purchased from the bar. So all you budding artists, don't delay signing up and inviting your friends. Registration is at <https://www.pinotspalette.com/ellicottcity/event/313225>.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our last meeting until September!

Beth Hayden, President bhayden52@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ **Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 PM** Salad Supper at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City
- ✓ **Sunday, June 23, 3:00 PM** Painting Party at Pinot's Palette, Turf Valley Towne Center
- ✓ **AAUW Maryland Summer Leadership Meeting**, Saturday, July 20, Frederick

AND Remember to pay your dues See details below.

SOCIAL - Salad Supper **Debbie Munley, Social VP**

AAUW Howard County Branch **Annual Potluck Salad Supper**

DATE: June 11, 2019

TIME: 7:00 PM (Set up starts at 6:30 PM)

LOCATION: First Evangelical Lutheran Church on the corner of Route 144 (Frederick Road) and Chatham Road

PROGRAM

- Officer Installation
- Meet Scholarship Winners
- Sample and enjoy numerous salads and desserts
- Hear from Board members about AAUW activities and Committees

GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME

Please sign up as follows, to participate in the fun:

Last name begins with A – J, bring an entree salad (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)

Last name begins K – S, bring a side or green salad (i.e. potato, pasta, fruit, bean, spinach, Caesar, etc.)

Last name begins T – Z, bring a dessert

Important note! All dishes should serve 8 – 10 people. Please bring your own serving utensils.

RSVP to Debbie Munley (301) 776-7388 or debbiemunley@verizon.net by Saturday, June 8. Please let us know what you plan to bring.



PHILANTHROPY – “Paint It Forward”

NEW FUNDRAISER FOR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

PAINT IT FORWARD at *PINOT'S PALETTE*



Sunday, June 23 3:00-5:00 PM
11105 Resort Road, Suite 105
Turf Valley Towne Square
Ellicott City

A flyer sent with this newsletter has all the details. *You must pre-register*, so invite friends to come and create your own masterpieces in tempera paint while enjoying conversation and light refreshments. Cost is \$38.00 per painter. A portion of the proceeds go to our AAUW Howard County scholarship fund.

www.pinotpalette.com/ellcottcity/event/313225

MEMBERSHIP

Zeli Castella, Membership VP

DUES FOR 2019-2020

Dues for the 2019-2020 program year are due now. Dues are \$82.00 per year which includes national, state and branch dues. Make your check payable to *AAUW Howard County* and mail to Finance Officer Bea Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737.

Dues must be paid by July 1 to ensure that you continue to receive newsletters and other messages.



Education

Suzanne Soules, VP

In 2018, The National Educational Policy Center named Hammond High School in Columbia a National School of Opportunity. This means the school has created a program to close the achievement gap among disadvantaged students or students of color. There were only 8 schools in the nation to achieve this recognition. **DIAMOND Scholars** is part of the school's administration's goal of reducing the achievement gap for African-American and Hispanic students. Of the 1,300 students, approximately 34% are considered disadvantaged, and the achievement gap is significant. Using a multi pronged program, the school has increased its graduation rate of African American students from 80% to 92%. The graduation rate for Hispanic students increased from 81% to 95%.

Our branch has worked with Raymona Reid and her DIAMOND Scholars program to encourage and support academic achievement in high school with the goal of going to college. The girls could be inducted to this group if they had a high enough GPA at the end of their freshman year. She then worked with them on goal setting, time management, resume/academic record development, college research, and personal comportment.

Even though Raymona has moved on to Oakland Mills High School as an administrator, the girls she has worked with are proceeding toward graduation. In March, Jon Hawkins stepped in to help the scholars by taking the girls to visit Morgan State University in Baltimore. Our branch donated \$500 toward the cost of the buses.

Jon Hawkins emailed me the following:

"Thank you so much for your contribution and, we did take advantage of it. We took 65 students to Morgan State to visit and tour. It was a very good outing and very informational. The students returned motivated and spurred to think they can be successful at the next level."

Jonathan W. Hawkins
Academic Resource Teacher

The DIAMONDS and their mentor Jonathan Hawkins at Morgan State University



The DIAMONDS attending an information session at Morgan State University.



Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program.

Two separate groups meet monthly in a member's home:

Evening Group on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM;

Daytime Group on the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

EVENING GROUP

We will discuss Topic #6.

Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

on Monday, June 17, at 7:00 PM.

Hostess: Lee Ann Hartman, 5070 Durham Road West, Columbia, MD.

No meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be September 16.

Contact: Diane Roca

dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions Group will meet on Thursday, June 6, at the home of Donna Levinson. We will discuss Chapter 6, *Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics*. Please tell Donna if you plan to attend at: donna311@optonline.net or 301-490-0294.

We do not meet in July and August but will resume in September.

Happy Summer Everyone,

Contact: Lorraine Tropf

lmerdon@comcast.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 4, at Pappas in Glen Burnie.

Carpools will be arranged.

We will be meeting during the summer; specific dates and restaurants have not yet been chosen. Detailed emails will be forthcoming to those on the email list.

Carol Phelps carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The **LUNCH BUNCH** will meet in June, July and August at 11:30 AM, at Nordstrom's Cafe, Columbia Mall. June's meeting date is June 27, July's date is July 25th, and in August we will meet on August 29th.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

ggrust@verizon.net

AAUW READERS

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at the East Columbia Senior Center at 11:00 AM. Lunch at a local restaurant follows the discussion.

2019

- July 18: BECOMING by Michele Obama

- September 19: ACCIDENTAL

PRESIDENTS: EIGHT MEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA by Jared Cohen

- November 21: CLOCK DANCE by Anne Tyler

2020

- January 16, 2020: COURTING MR. LINCOLN by Louis Bayard

- March 19, 2020: BORN A CRIME: STORIES FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDHOOD by Trevor Noah

- May 21, 2020: Planning Session

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Barbara Parker bparker@virginia.edu

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2019-2020 Calendar June - August

JUNE

- 4 -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Pappas, Glen Burnie
- 6 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1pm; *Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics*
- 11 -- **Branch Salad Supper** @ 6:30 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; install officers; meet scholarship winners
- 17 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm; *Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics*
- 18 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library
- 23 -- **“Paint It Forward”** @ 3 p.m; at Pinot's Palette in Turf Valley Towne Center, Ellicott City
- 27 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBA -- Howard Community College STEM Festival

JULY

- TBD -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Place to be announced
- 18 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11:00 AM East Columbia Senior Center
- 25 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

AUGUST

- TBD -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Place to be announced
- 29 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

2019-2020 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

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Diane Roca 410-964-3523

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*Debbie Munley debbiemunley@verizon.net and
Caroline Tunison redcat1977@verizon.net*

Website Manager: Position open

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